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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Richard C. Weisberger

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-25 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 101

35 U.S.C. 101 reads as follows:

Whoever invents or discovers any new and useful process, machine, manufacture, or composition of matter, or any new and useful improvement thereof, may obtain a patent therefor, subject to the conditions and requirements of this title.

Claims 12-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 101 because the claimed invention is directed to non-statutory subject matter.

The preamble is directed to TWO distinct statutory classes.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

Claim 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

The applicant is encouraged to contact the examiner if assistance is needed in drafting the claims. The claims are replete with language that makes it difficult to determine the scope of the invention. The limitation "the payer communicating the payer's temporary memory means" is unclear. This limitation is critical to the determining the scope of the invention and renders the claims vague and infinite. In addition, means independent from the payors computer means is indefinite. Clarification is requested. Also, the limitations, wihtdrawable and packtype are vague and indefinite. Also, the language directed to the parties using the system renders the apparatus claim indefinite. In the claims, other fiscal interesting data is indefinite in scope.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

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(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 1-25 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over US Patent 7,031,939.

The reference teaches a process and apparatus for real time between two parties connected through a computer network, one of the parties being an individual or company paying a given amount of money either for a service received or goods purchased through the network or any other reason and the other party being an individual or a company collecting the said amount, the said process comprising following steps:

the payer connecting, from computer means and by means of a standard program and communication line, the said computer network for having access to the payee's computer means (2);

the payer communicating the payer's temporary memory means;

electronically transferring, in real time, through the said communication line (5) fully or partly the amount of money stored within the payer's temporary memory means (i0) to collecting means associated to the payee's computer means [2], capable to acknowledge the said authentication and validation protocol, after the payer introduced an order; and

the payee confirming the correct reception of the said money transfer to the payer by means of an electronic message of agreement sent through the network. See col. 5 and fig. 4.

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The prior art fails to teach the payor communicating to the payers's temporary memory means. The examiner interprets this limitation include a smart card. It would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to have used the primary reference to transfer money from one's checking account to one's smart card. The motivation for doing so would to allow for better use of the smart card. It would also have been obvious to use the smart card and the debiting source for crediting other accounts as motivated by the need to manage one's money. Thus it would have been obvious for one skilled in the art to have added a card smart card reader to one computer for the purposes of inputting the information on the smart card as motivated by the need to increase the efficiency of the transaction.

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Richard C. Weisberger whose telephone number is 571 272 6753. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM to 10:30PM.


If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jim Trammel can be reached on 571 272 6783. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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